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AIR-TEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-70578)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-24733)
TITLE: EMANUEL KOLKO
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NY 694-S advised on 1/2/57 that according to EMANUEL KOLKO, son-in-law of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, KOLKO was recently in contact with GEORGI ZARUBIN, Soviet Ambassador. ZARUBIN told KOLKO in strict confidence that upon his return to the Soviet Union, he would be in charge of the American Department of the Foreign Ministry. ZARUBIN emphasized the confidential nature of this information. He also said that he would remain in the USA "a little longer than anticipated."

KOLKO stated he would visit the Soviet Union in the near future and that, while there, he would stay at ZARUBIN's home. He indicated that his visit would be of short duration. KOLKO requested that NY 694-S regard the information above as highly confidential. The NYO recommends that no dissemination be made of this information *at this time.*

NY 694-S states that it would be to Bureau's advantage that KOLKO go to the Soviet Union since KOLKO undoubtedly would furnish the informant with a report of his activities there.



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4-BUREAU (100-70578) (RM)
 (1-100-297897) (GEORGI ZARUBIN)
1-NEWARK (100-) (EMANUEL KOLKO) (RM)
1-NY 100-60341 (GEORGI ZARUBIN) (#17)
1-NY 134-91 (INVS) (#6)
1-NY 100-24733

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A I R T E L

AIR MAIL -- REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33735)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Bureau airtel dated 12/30/57.

CG 5824-S* was advised immediately upon receipt by the Chicago Division of information received by NY 694-S* that TIM BUCK would not return from abroad until "after the end of January".

The first reaction of CG 5824-S* to this information was that possibly the Russians desired to have a representative of the Communist Party - USA in Russia while BUCK was still there so that joint discussions could be carried on between the Labor Progressive Party, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party - USA. CG 5824-S* is of the opinion that this might explain the reference to a two-week period which was not clear in the original information received through LESLIE MORRIS.

It is noted that CG 5824-S* had transmitted the original information to EUGENE DENNIS and had personal discussions with DENNIS on this matter both in New York City and in Chicago. At that time, it was the decision of DENNIS that CG 5824-S* should wait until after BUCK's return to Canada and then go to Canada to discuss this matter with BUCK.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (Info)
 - (1 - 100-86624)(CP-USA, International Relations)(#19-1)
 - (1 - A/134-91)(NY 694-S*)(#6)(P & C)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - 134-46)

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CG 5824-S* stated that the information that BUCK would not return to Canada until after the end of January, 1958, should have been conveyed to DENNIS in order to determine whether this information might in any way alter the decision made by DENNIS. However, this information could only be given to DENNIS by CG 5824-S* personally. CG 5824-S* felt that NY 694-S* could not personally contact DENNIS because of the POTASH case. CG 5824-S* believes that a matter such as this could only be given to DENNIS by personal contact with him. Outside of NY 694-S*, no other person should be involved in any way.

However, when this information was received, CG 5824-S* could not get to New York City much before the National Executive Committee meeting which was scheduled to start on 12/20/57. CG 5824-S* believed that DENNIS would be so busy preparing for and participating in this meeting that the informant might not be able to discuss this matter with DENNIS. Furthermore, CG 5824-S* felt that for security reasons it would be well for him to remain out of New York City during this particular NEC meeting, since it was known that a showdown between the Right wing and the Left wing might occur at this meeting.

As the Bureau is aware, the decision to cease publication of the "Daily Worker", the statement of JOHN GATES to the "New York Times", the opposing views on the declaration of the twelve CPs, etc., has brought the factional fight in the CP-USA to a head. CG 5824-S* further felt that he should avoid making a trip to New York City immediately following the NEC meeting in an effort to avoid the necessity of fully committing himself to either the Left wing or the Right wing. While CG 5824-S* and the Chicago Division have reached the conclusion that CG 5824-S* should be aligned with the Left wing, or that faction which will have ties with the CPSU, CG 5824-S* feels that he should avoid antagonizing anyone in the leadership as long as it is at all possible. Furthermore, CG 5824-S* is not anxious to go to Russia unless he can go as the representative of the CP-USA and not as the representative of one or a few individuals in the leadership. Also, it would be dangerous to go as the representative of the Left wing before the results of the fight between the Left wing and the Right wing are known. Of course, the Right wing

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is not anxious to have contact between the CP-USA and the CPSU.

CG 5824-S* stated on 1/2/58 that he is now of the opinion that he cannot delay a trip to New York City much longer, even though the factional struggle continues on such a high level. Therefore, health permitting, he plans to go to New York City sometime during the week of 1/5/58 to see EUGENE DENNIS. At this time, he would suggest to DENNIS that he make a trip to Canada, even though BUCK has not returned from Russia. The purpose of the informant's trip to Canada would be three-fold:

- (1) To inform the LPP of all current developments in the CP-USA, the reason for the cessation of publication of the "Daily Worker", etc. CG 5824-S* believes that the LPP would convey this information to the CPSU and the current factional struggle within the CP-USA would explain to the CPSU why the CP-USA did not immediately send a representative to the CPSU.

- (2) To attempt to obtain from the Russian Embassy in Canada, through the LPP, any information which would clarify the original message.

- (3) To arrange to be notified as soon as BUCK returns to Canada so that a meeting with BUCK could be planned prior to the time BUCK becomes involved in reporting the results of his trip to the leading committees of the LPP.

CG 5824-S* further stated that he should make a trip to New York City soon, in any event, to maintain the pretext that he has to make periodic trips to New York City in connection with the business of NY 694-S*.

The Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments in this matter and will be advised when CG 5824-S* plans to leave Chicago for New York City.

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PLAIN TEXT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (97-169; 100-80641) FOUR THIRTYFIVE PM
PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC., IS-C; CPUSA-ORGANIZATION, IS-C. CINAL.
NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ASTERISK LEARNED FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CP HEADQUARTERS, ON JANUARY THREE FIFTYEIGHT
THAT THE DAILY WORKER WILL CEASE PUBLICATION ON JANUARY
THIRTEEN FIFTYEIGHT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT AT THAT TIME JOHN
GATES, EDITOR OF THE DAILY WORKER, WILL RESIGN FROM THE
COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE "DAILY WORKER CROWD" WILL ALSO
RESIGN FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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- [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 134-91 (Inves.)(6)
 - 1 - NY 100-17923 (JOHN GATES)(19-1)
 - 1 - NY 100-80641 (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION)(19-1)
 - 1 - NY 97-169 (7-2)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

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ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, was.
IS-R, ISA of 1950

Source: [REDACTED]

Reliability:

Who has furnished reliable
information in the past.

Date of Activity:

12/24/57

Date Received:

12/24/57

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[REDACTED] consulted NEEDLEMAN re a case in which
it was necessary for a group of individuals to post bonds.
No names were mentioned. NEEDLEMAN introduced [REDACTED] to
[REDACTED] NEEDLEMAN declined [REDACTED] invitation to join him
for breakfast.

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NEEDLEMAN and [REDACTED] discussed the American CP
in relation to Soviet policy. NEEDLEMAN stressed the
importance of taking a firm position ideologically so
everyone would know where you stand on various questions.
NEEDLEMAN expressed the view that the American CP should
adopt its own policy and not consider itself bound to
condone actions of the Soviet Union particularly with regard
to foreign policy. In this connection, the following
exchange occurred:

1-New York (100-21785) [REDACTED] (6)
1-New York (100-118064) [REDACTED] (12-15)
1-New York (100-467) [REDACTED] (19-2)
1-New York (134-91) [REDACTED] (19-2)
1-New York (100-62509) [REDACTED] (17-2)
1-New York (100-9984) [REDACTED] (19-2)
1-New York (100-18672) [REDACTED] (19-2)
1-New York (100-53177) [REDACTED] (12-14)
1-New York (100-89571) [REDACTED] (7-2)
1-New York (100-26041) [REDACTED] (7-2)
1-New York (100-26033) [REDACTED] (7-2)
1-New York (100-8879) [REDACTED] (19-2)
1-New York (100-78633) [REDACTED] (19-2)

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NEEDLEMAN (N): "Where does [redacted] stand?
[redacted]: [redacted] stands right.
N: Where does our friend, Jack (Childs) stand?
[redacted]: Jack is the center. Jack is what they call
a legitimate center.
N: And he had with him what other people?
[redacted]:
[redacted]: No, [redacted] not center.
N: [redacted]
[redacted]: No, [redacted] is not part of it.
N: And where does Max Weiss stand these days?
[redacted]: Max Weiss is the center. He leans depending
on the issues.
N: I understand [redacted] is out of
'Masses and Mainstream.'
[redacted]: (inaudible reply)
N: [redacted] had a heart attack? Really?
[redacted]: [redacted] playing no role now in that.
I understand [redacted] went to the Coast.
[redacted]: Yeah.
N: There really isn't an organization to
speak of."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-330)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-9365)

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, IS-C, SA [REDACTED] ISA FIFTY. RNYAIRTEL

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DECEMBER THIRTY FIFTYSEVEN. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED ON JANUARY SIX FIFTYEIGHT THAT ON JANUARY THREE FIFTYEIGHT HE CONFERRED BRIEFLY WITH ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG TO TELL THE LATTER THAT HE HAD DELIVERED TO WILLIAM Z. FOSTER ON DECEMBER THIRTYONE, FIFTYSEVEN, A MESSAGE FROM TIM BUCK TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SOVIETS REQUESTED FOSTER'S PERMISSION TO MAKE A FEW CHANGES IN THE LATTER'S BOOK, "THE HISTORY OF THREE INTERNATIONALS," AND THAT FOSTER WAS WILLING THAT SUCH CHANGES BE MADE. INFORMANT TOLD TRACHTENBERG THAT FOSTER HAD REQUESTED THE INFORMANT ADVISE TRACHTENBERG REGARDING THIS MATTER. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED FOSTER ON DECEMBER THIRTYONE FIFTYSEVEN AND DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM TIM BUCK AS FOLLOWS: "TELL BILL THAT THE ANSWER TO HIS OTHER INQUIRY IS EMPHATICALLY, BY ALL MEANS, YES." INFORMANT ADVISED THAT FOSTER DID NOT COMMENT REGARDING THIS MESSAGE AND THAT SINCE IT FAILED TO CONVEY ANY MEANING TO HIM HE THOUGHT HE MIGHT CLARIFY THE MATTER

- 1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)(19-1)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(19-1)
- 1 - NY 134-91 (INVS.)(6)
- 1 - NY 100-9365 (19-1)

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BY TALKING TO TRACHTENBERG. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT FOSTER HAD INQUIRED WHEN HE WOULD NEXT SEE TIM BUCK AND SAID THAT HE HAD "SOMETHING VERY URGENT WHICH I WANT HIM TO TAKE CARE OF." INFORMANT STATED HE PRETENDED HE THOUGHT FOSTER WAS REFERRING TO ROYALTIES DUE HIM FROM MOSCOW AND MENTIONED THAT BUCK COULD TAKE CARE OF SUCH MATTERS. HOWEVER, FOSTER SAID "NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. WHAT I'M INTERESTED IN WILL TAKE TWO OR THREE WEEKS. IF NOTHING HAPPENS I'LL CALL YOU." IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS REMARK FOSTER STATED "I CAN'T LIVE IN THIS HOUSE MUCH LONGER." INFORMANT STATED THAT MRS. FOSTER HAD ALSO REMARKED THAT THERE WAS NEED FOR A HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY COULD ALL BE TOGETHER. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED THAT HE ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT FOSTER HAD A PROBLEM IN HIS TALK TO TRACHTENBERG BUT THAT TRACHTENBERG ONLY NODDED HIS HEAD WITHOUT MAKING ANY RELATIVE COMMENT. TRACHTENBERG DID SAY THAT HE HAD "SEEN THE BIG GUY ABOUT FOSTER S PROBLEM." ("BIG GUY" THE INFORMANT BELIEVES TO BE THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.) INFORMANT ADVISED THAT TRACHTENBERG ALSO STATED THE "BIG GUY" MENTIONED THAT TIM BUCK WOULD BRING BACK FROM THE SOVIET UNION DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING FOSTER [REDACTED] IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT [REDACTED] ADVISED ON DECEMBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN, THAT THE ALBANIAN UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION HELD A RECEPTION AT THE DELEGATES DINING ROOM

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AT THE UNITED NATIONS ON NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE FIFTYSEVEN,

AND THAT ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WERE AMONG THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-397666)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-6061)
TITLE: [redacted] was
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NY 694-S* advised on 1/10/58 that on the evening of 1/9/58 he had dinner at a local restaurant with captioned subject. Pertinent information obtained by NY 694-S from [redacted] is as follows:

[redacted] will go to Montreal for a short visit in a week or two. [redacted] will make a trip to Mexico in the spring. Although he works only occasionally, [redacted] has no financial problems, and is not concerned about the expense of a trip to Mexico. He indicated that the said trip would not be a pleasure trip, but gave no reason for going there.

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[redacted] is now settled in his new apartment. His dark room is "OK," and he is very pleased with the 35 m.m. microfilm he is using. He used the microfilm in photographing a handwritten letter, and the results were perfect.

In [redacted] opinion, "they" (FBI) have been "fooling around" with his telephone. He has made a thorough study of wire taps, and has concluded that "there is no defense against them". He recently met a man from Warsaw (not otherwise identified), and a man and wife from Israel, business people visiting the USA (Also not further identified).

In talking to [redacted] NY 604-S noted that the subject [redacted] and NY 694-S* agreed to meet again about the first of February.

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4-Bureau (100-397666) (RM)
(1-100-408565) [redacted]
1-NY 100-102429
1-NY 134-91 (INVS) (#6)
1-NY 105-6061 (#6)

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Date: 1/7/58

Transmit the following message via AIR-TEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-31942)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-118948)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was
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ReNYairtels 12/24,27/57 and 1/2/58.

Further analysis of information furnished by [REDACTED] on 12/23/57 disclosed that in discussing the letter [REDACTED] had received from [REDACTED] (and the [REDACTED] group) on the above date, [REDACTED] told his wife, [REDACTED] "The [REDACTED] was just a stop-over, like being on trial." This undoubtedly referred to the "country" that was mentioned in [REDACTED] letter.

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Further study of information from [REDACTED] disclosed that in talking to [REDACTED] about the letter from [REDACTED] comment should be altered to read, "They don't seem 100 per cent certain that it would reach you," instead of, "They don't seem 100 per cent certain that this plan will go through." In this sentence "it" referred

6-Bureau (105-31942) (RM)

(1-105-38306)
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(1-101-1384)

4-Washington Field (INFO) (RM)

(1-105-3464)
(1-105-12050)
(1-105-12051)
(1-101-1059)

1-NY 105-11491

1-NY 100-2089

1-NY 100-78633

1-NY 100-111386

1-NY 100-76231

1-NY 105-11563

1-NY 100-100577

1-NY 100-66702

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to the letter from [] (New York airtel 12/27/57, page 3, paragraph 3, lines 1 and 2).

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In view of the observations set out below, it is felt that consideration should be given to the likely possibility that the letter dated 5/20/56 from [] (that was given on 5/23/56 by ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN to NY 694-S* for subsequent delivery to the [] through TIM BUCK) was received by the []

The letter from [] received on 12/23/57 opens with the statement on page 1, paragraph 2 in this letter, "Your letters of May and November...were the first we had heard from you..."

In talking to [] on 12/23/57, [] reported that [] stated that in May he had written and had given this letter to NEEDLEMAN to give to "somebody." (New York airtel 12/27/57, page 3, paragraph 2, lines 5-8.)

The letter from OSCAR contains the statement that "it would be nice to be able to personally congratulate [] and family." In [] letter to [] mentioned above, [] stated, [] are fine. They now have [] in addition to their []

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[] The names and dates of birth of the [] children are as follows:



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[] letter to [] refers to [] letter mentions both [] The name of [] was omitted in [] letter but may have been set out in another letter from [] to the [] the text of which letter New York Office has received no previous info.

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[] letter to [] dated 5/20/56 contains a statement: "We hear regularly from the folks.. [] and family are fine. []"

[] This refers to [] and his children. The letter from [] specifically mentions [] and family, the old folks, etc." (page 1, paragraph 4, line 5, of [] letter.)

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In view of the above, it is likely that [] letter to [] which was given on 6/10/56, by NY 694-S* to ELIZABETH MASCOLO to be channelled to the [] through TIM BUCK, was received by the []

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The text of [] letter to [] was contained in New York letter to Bureau 6/12/56, pages 4 and 5. A photograph of this letter was enclosed with New York letter to Bureau 6/26/56, captioned "SASH;ESPIONAGE-R."

Photograph of [] letter to [] was forwarded to the Bureau with New York airtel 1/2/58.

The reference above in [] letter to [] and family is contained on page one, paragraph 4, lines 4 and 5 of that letter.

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For information.

[]